

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as detailed herein:

1. (Currently Amended) A funnel for loading or reloading of cartridges, comprising:

a container including a bottom portion and a side portion, the bottom and side portions of the container having a generally pan-like shape configured to sit on a horizontal surface and defining an area for receiving powder or shots therein; and

a funnel member including a funnel portion and a spout portion, the spout portion extending serially from the funnel portion, the funnel portion and the spout portion extending generally transversely from the side portion of the container such that powder or shots received within the container is able to flow out of the funnel when the funnel is inclined to a predetermined degree.

2. (Original) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the funnel portion of the funnel member has, at least partially, a frusto-conical shape.

3. (Currently Amended) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the spout portion of the funnel member has a frusto-conical shape with an inner diameter increased at a distal tip ~~the tip~~ thereof.

4. (Original) The funnel of claim 3, wherein the inner diameter of the spout portion is configured and sized to receive a tip portion of a cartridge case thereto.

5. (Original) The funnel of claim 1 including a handle portion connected to the side portion of the container.

6. (Original) The funnel of claim 1 including two handle portions connected to the side portion of the container at opposite locations thereof.
7. (Currently Amended) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the funnel is formed of a plastic material with an anti-static property ~~treatment thereto~~.
8. (Original) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the funnel is formed of a metallic material.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) A method of reloading a cartridge case with powder, comprising:

providing a funnel including a container portion and a hollow spout portion, the container portion having a generally pan-like shape configured to sit on a horizontal surface, the spout portion extending generally transversely from a side of the container portion, in which the spout portion having defines a generally frusto-conical inner surface configured to fittingly receive a tip portion of a cartridge case within the inner surface thereof;

filling predetermined amount of powder within the container portion of the funnel while placing the container portion of the funnel on a horizontal surface;

inserting the tip portion of a cartridge case into the inner surface of the spout portion of the funnel; and

tilting the funnel and the cartridge case to a degree to transfer the powder within the container portion of the funnel to the cartridge case through the spout portion of the funnel.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the filling of the predetermined amount of powder is performed while putting the funnel on a weight measuring device.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the ~~filling of the predetermined amount of powder is performed while put the funnel on~~ weight measuring device is an electronic scale.